spawns

One day soon after the first people came down when there were few people on the earth, all the women were cutting up salmon on the beach. A woman (1) to sliced open a salmon & saw a baby inside. She cried out in wonder, & all the people ran up. Plenty shouting & excitement. Nearly all said it was unusual & therefore should be killed, but one quiet man told her to look after it, & they agreed it was good advice. So (1) prepared (2) for him & cared for him as a baby. In a few days he began to sit up & take notice, & in a year was like a boy of 15 or 16. He had an overpowering affection for (1)'s son, a boy of 15; the two were sat ✓x. One day the salmon-boy asked his father to build him a house on the other side of the river (3), & also to make him a double-pointed bone-pointed arrows for sawbills. This was done. Then S.B. suggested to his brother that they cross to see the new house. Inside the S.B. produced some miraculous food, which he had got from sachile tyi, & which he stored in his mouth, very good food. He told brother, I want to stay up above, all the time, if you come into the house with

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① sqaptz = spring salmon. Ha·iwas tyi of salmon people.

knocking I shall fall dead. They then returned to their own house. Next morning, before dawn, the S.B. went out & went to the new house, ~~all~~ his brother heard him go, but said nothing, & at first break of day followed to new house, knocked and was told to come in. The house was built on the beach in a fine place for sawbills, which flew by within a few feet. SB made a cord of woman's hair which he fixed to an arrow for drawing back, & bagged one sawbill. This was first time such a weapon used. He returned home with the one bird and there was great rejoicing on part of father and mother at youthful prodigy, also on part of one man who had assisted keeping him. 2nd day, the same proceeding, going followed by satis, & he bagged 2 birds, 3rd day, 3 birds, 4th day, 4, & 5th day 10. Father gave a feast to all Ogres with much rejoicing. On 6th day he got a spoon canoe filled with them, & returned, gave 2 birds to every house, held hazzas. About this time S B told his brother, if I should die, feel in my left back teeth & throw out my food, put it in your own mouth & you will become like me, never feel hun

① When he had extracted it from mouth of SB & put it on own. It was cold & round like a chicken's egg.

② The corpse was brought back to the village on a platform between two lashed canoes

offood. Then have a house built for me on the beach, and lay me out without a box. On the 4th night watch. Well, one day the brother forgot to knock, went on & SB fell dead. Brother SB in great grief & fear of father. Remembered instructions about food & no longer felt hungry. Returned home & told father of his error, great lamentation on part of everybody, very great grief at death of food-giving young man. He told father and everybody assisted to make a house on beach. In it they made a bed & laid SB out. On 4th night brother watched, & soon after dark he heard a canoe coming with voices talking Bella Coola, but nothing to be seen. The canoe was a salmon canoe & the people salmon-people. They talked of where house would be, & finally saw it. Went to it, & knocked, saying, please get up. On fourth knock the dead boy answered. He went ~~with~~ with his friends to the canoe. Then brother called out — please wait, I want to come. The SB said, "You want to come"? "Yes". "Then wait", This to salmon friend. Then satis jumped into the canoe, he could see it & his dead brother, but not his friends. Canoe went away. Of its own

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power far to west. After a time SB rubbed his hands over the eyes of his sister and the latter saw the salmon people, exactly like humans. Away they went, till they came to the town of the sardines ①, the first fish to come into the rivers in spring. Here there was a very bad smell, coming out for miles, the smell of sardines. The village, the people, the sun and everything were as on this world, but all was inside the sea. After passing the sardine land, they passed that of the herring ②, then Eulachons, and so to the spring salmon town. Here there were countless salmon-men setting around. Another town adjoined this, that of the dog ③ salmon, where the people laughed so much that their teeth stuck out. All the salmon villages ran into one another and along in front extended a beautiful grass beach on which many women were digging white roots. The boy said to SB, "I want to go for a stroll along the beach". SB said, "All right, but do not be long, as I want to take you to my father's house. It is in the middle of the town and has a big front like the jaws of an animal, all painted. When

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neighbours. That evening they all gathered, & MB told his story, how his friends were waiting in the river, & what they would eat. Great rejoicing over the plenty of, etc. Next morning all hands there in piles & piles of stuff, which the salmon got with pleasure. ~~It~~ MB told M that if anyone made the children cry ~~he would~~ his wife would leave them & never return. M told this to all hands, never to strike the children. The children were mischievous, always making ~~[illegible]~~ of the boys cry, but for 3 years no one hurt them. Then one day a bold young man struck one of the children, he ran home crying. His mother wept, told MB she would leave, he & she both wept. Then woman with 2 children lifted up river & plunged in, as salmon. MB tried to follow, but had lost power of changing to salmon & failed. Since that time the salmon have lived among men.

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① and his sister were along in the world, orphans. He was almost a boy, but carefully looked after his sister. He made a bow, & with an arrow used to get many squirrels, rabbits, and mallard ducks, the feist two ~~he used~~ ~~he used~~ he skinned ~~and~~ sister used for blankets, the last he used for food. He was smart at getting food. One day he broke his bow-string, and asked his sister if she could replace it, she said, "With what" He ~~as~~ said, "With hair from your fork" She agreed. Soon after he met 12 grizzly bears, when he had 12 arrows. 12 ~~he~~ bears said, "Let's kill that weak man" K said, "All right, go ahead" I will kill you." The bears began to haul up trees to show their strength, but K fired arrows & broke trees, ~~killing~~ ~~He~~ killing them all after much trouble. He returned to sister, telling her that he had killed 12 bears, but had almost lost his life & she was afraid for his life & asked him to give up his job. One day soon after he was hunting squirrels, fired up at one, & his arrow stuck in the top of a tree. He climbed after it, not noticing that the tree he was on was con-

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